

Christ offers new life for all

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What's the gospel in seven words? We asked theologians, pastors and others both to answer this question and to expand on this in a few sentences. To see all the responses together as they're posted, bookmark [this page](#). Add your own version [here](#). --Ed.

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The gospel is the good news that Christ's death and resurrection--mediated through scripture, tradition, and the sacraments of the church--offers new life for all who embrace it. It requires repentance for sin inherited and sins committed. It provides the ability to love God, other people and the created orders of society and culture and nature. The gospel manifests itself in song, worship, justice, peace and joy, both now and in the world to come.